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Ustka Harbor mid 55

1. Like other Polish harbors on the Baltic, the area of the port is surrounded with barbed wire. Some parts of the beach in the neighborhood are also wired off; it is rumored that bunkers and strongholds are being constructed there.
2. "There is a regular passenger service between Ustka, Gdynia and Gdansk, by sea, on the coastal vessel "BARBARA".
3. "The Ustka harbor is situated inland, at the river mouth. From the town, an entrance gate leads to the harbor area through a dividing wall. The width of the main basin, on the stretch between the outlet to the sea and a ferry joining the two banks, is about 80 meters. The ISKRA, training ship of the Polish Navy, enters this basin without difficulty. The BARBARA also anchors here. This stretch of the main basin is about 400 meters long. At the eastern side of the outlet to the sea, stands a lighthouse.
4. "At a point about two-thirds along the main basin, another basin forks off in the southwest direction. Between these two branches is the coal harbor. This harbor was being developed in 1953 some loading cranes and several foreign colliers along the quay: one from the Soviet Zone of Germany This denies the statement that Ustka is closed to foreign shipping. Darlowo and Kolobrzeg are also alleged to be closed.

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5. "Further inland, beyond the ferry, the fishing harbor occupies a stretch of another 400 m of the main basin. On the eastern bank is a post of the Marines, harbor warehouses, installations for pulling cutters ashore, nets etc., and repair yards. The whole area is wired off and carefully guarded. It constitutes a prohibited area.
6. "There is no breakwater of any sort at the outlet of Ustka harbor; only buoys are laid.
7. "On the sea coast, at both sides of the town, one can see watchtowers of the WOP [Border Guard Troops]. These have become a marked feature of the Polish coastal landscape. [] they are about 12 meters high, and are guarded by day and night by WOP soldiers armed with machine guns. The nests in which the soldiers sit - popularly called 'cages' (Klatki) - have a telephone link with the WOP station.
8. "In the harbor no one is allowed to walk along the quays. WOP soldiers are also on guard there.

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Morska Szkoła Specjalistow

9. "West from the harbor, in a small wood on the sea coast, are the former barracks of the German HERMAN GOERING Division. They were not destroyed in World War II and are now occupied by the Polish Navy and the School of Naval Specialists (Morska Szkoła Specjalistow). The area surrounding is prohibited to civilians and surrounded with wire. [] bunkers were being built []
10. "The school trains specialists for Navy service. The men are selected from conscripted Naval personnel. The courses last six months or longer, depending on the subject. The courses include:
 - (a) Motor service: mechanics, motorists, motor technicians.
 - (b) Naval artillery and allied branches: ship and coastal artillery personnel, torpedo service, distance measuring (Dalmierzysci), torpedo-mine service (Torpedo-Minerzy), mine-laying service (Minerzy).
 - (c) Telecommunication: radio-telegraphers.
 - (d) Navigation: navigators.
 - (e) Deck and office specialists (Specjalisci Pokladowi i Biurowi)
11. "The school accepts selected recruits after a short recruit training period. In addition to specialized courses, the pupils carry on a normal naval training. They wear Polish Naval uniforms with a silver star on the sleeve.
12. "Every year, about 500 sailors complete the specialized courses in the school. The Polish Navy is not able to absorb such great numbers of personnel. It is said in Poland that the specialists may be mustered on naval units provided by the USSR. Some of the graduates, after their three years of compulsory naval service, join the Merchant Marine; The graduates of radio-telegrapher courses, after passing examinations in the English language, are given jobs in the Merchant Marine.
13. "The school has at its disposal a stretch of waters for use as training waters (Poligon Morski). These waters start from the area of the school and reach to Darlowo, going as deep as five miles from Lawica (shallow) Slupska. The local fishermen must avoid these training waters. They are compelled to sail up to Lawica Slupska to do their fishing. Even the training ship DAR POMORZA and the training yacht JANEK KRASICKI from Szczecin had to make a large circle around the training waters. In that area, sharp-shooting exercises are organized. Shooting is done at targets placed on small boats towed by trawlers. The trainees fire from the beach and from moving vessels."

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